

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	R. Russell Stever et al.
Appl. No.	:	Unknown
Filed	:	Unknown
For	:	STORMWATER TREATMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD
Examiner	:	Unknown
Group Art Unit	:	Unknown

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-43, without prejudice or disclaimer.

44. (Original) A method for purification and separation of a liquid, the method comprising:

inputting the liquid into a receptacle through an inlet opening;

interrupting the flow of the liquid around at least one inlet baffle after the inlet opening;

communicating the liquid through an active pool to an outlet opening, the outlet opening smaller than the inlet opening;

interrupting the flow of the liquid around at least one outlet baffle before the outlet opening; and

settling sediments from the flow in the active pool into at least one permanent pool, said permanent pool gravitationally below the active pool.